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	Kevin Parton	2153	

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2004.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 2-9,11-13,16-21,23,24,26,27 and 29-37 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 2-9,11-13,16-21,23,24,26 and 29-37 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 27 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-9, 11-13, 16-21, 23, 24, 26, and 29-37 are allowed.
2. The indicated allowability of claim 27 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Borella et al. (USPN 6,442,141) and Jacobson (1999). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.
4. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Borella et al. (USPN 6,442,141) in view of Jacobson.
5. Regarding claim 27, Borella et al. (USPN 6,442,141) teach a system for predicting performance of a communications system with means to:
 - a. Assign performance parameters to each of plural components in the communications system, the plural components including a packet based network, the performance parameters comprising packet loss and packet delay (abstract; figure 6; column 3, lines 37-40).
 - b. Derive a quality indication based on the packet losses and packet delays (abstract; figure 6; column 3, lines 37-40).

Although the system disclosed by Borella et al. (USPN 6,442,141) shows substantial features of the claimed invention, it fails to disclose the assignment of a packet jitter parameter.

Nonetheless, these features are well known in the art and it would have been an obvious modification of the system disclosed by Borella et al. (USPN 6,442,141) as evidenced by Jacobson.

In an analogous art, Jacobson discloses a system for network performance prediction including the assignment of a packet jitter parameter (page 6).

Given the teaching of Jacobson, a person having ordinary skill in the art would have readily recognized the desirability and advantages of modifying the system of Borella et al. (USPN 6,442,141) by also utilizing a packet jitter parameter. This benefits the system by providing a better overall estimation of network performance.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Parton whose telephone number is (571)272-3958. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess can be reached on (571)272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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